

COMBLES DRIVE NEARS SUCCESS FOR THE ALLIES

Somme Front Unchanged Except Bombardments and French Gains.

RUSSIANS ATTACKED VIGOROUSLY KAPUL

Serbs Have Made Appreciable Gains Against Bulgarians, Paris Claims.

BESSET by the British on the west and the French on the east, Comblies apparently is on the verge of capture by the entente forces.

With the British firmly established in the Luze wood less than a mile from the western outskirts of the village, the French a mile to the east of it have driven their wedge further in and captured Le Prize farm by assault. The farm had been held by the Germans as a point of support against French encroachments upon Comblies.

Along the Peronne-Bethune road to the north and south of Bouchavesnes the Germans, according to Paris, have vainly attacked the newly-won French positions in the hope of regaining their transport line to the north.

Except for reciprocal bombardments and a slight advance by the French by a bomb attack near Belloy-en-Santerre, south of the Somme, the situation elsewhere on the entire front in France and Belgium remains unchanged.

Tentons Are Advancing.

The Teutonic allies are continuing their advance on the Italian sector of Rumania, according to Berlin and Sofia. Across the mountains in Transylvania the Rumanians have attacked west and east of Hermannstadt, but were repulsed, Vienna says.

In the Carpathians the Russians attacked vigorously Smotret, Ludova and Kapul, storming positions after heavy preparatory bombardment. Their efforts to drive forward were stopped with sanguinary losses, according to Vienna.

On the Macedonian front considerable heavy fighting has taken place. The Serbs in the Lake Ostrove region are declared by Paris to have made appreciable progress against the Bulgarians, while both Berlin and Sofia report bombardments in this vicinity, but mention gains for neither side.

On the front where the Italians are fighting the Bulgarians Sofia asserts that the Italians have been pushed back. In the Dolan region the British have taken a Teutonic position north of the town of Mucukovo. Several Germans were taken prisoner and a number of machine guns captured.

Greeks Lose Fort.

Although it had been previously stated that the Greek forts at Kavala were evacuated by the Bulgarians, Berlin says they are all in the hands of the Bulgarians and that the Greek troops which are at Kavala have been sent to Germany, where they will remain until the end of the war "in the status of neutrals."

In the Austro-Italian theater the usual bombardments and isolated infantry attacks continue.

Late Athens dispatches declare that M. Dimitracopoulos has declined to form a cabinet to succeed that of M. Zaimis.

ARMOR PLANT SITE SELECTION DELAYED

Secretary Daniels Closes Hearing on Deciding on the \$11,000,000 Factory.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—Hearings before Secretary Daniels and the general board of the navy on the question of a suitable location for the projected \$11,000,000 government armor factory closed today. A selection for the location probably will not be made for more than two months.

All possibility of purchasing a ready-built plant was disposed of during the hearings as the only two mentioned were considered unsatisfactory.

The law provides that the factory which will have an annual capacity of not less than twenty thousand tons of armor, shall be located with special reference to safety in time of war.

TONKAWA PREP. HAS LARGE ENROLLMENT

Increase of Almost Sixty Per Cent in First Two Days is the Claim.

Special to The World.

TONKAWA, Okla., Sept. 14.—The University Preparatory school at this place opened its school term Tuesday with a 53 per cent increase over the enrollment the first week last year. The enrollment the first day was \$29, and this was increased to 380 the next day. It is confidently expected by the school officials that the enrollment will be close to five hundred as soon as the several former boys and girls, who could not come early because of the late farm work, are enrolled.

The school drew students from more than half of the counties of the state in the first day's enrollment.

W. C. French, former superintendent of the Lawton (Okla.) public schools, is beginning his first year as president of the U. P. S.

TULSANS FIND A WONDERLAND INSIDE THIS BUILDING



None of the exposition buildings has attracted more attention than the kafferoon palace, the picture of which is shown above. In this huge building is housed more than a score of booths showing the various lines of industry and art represented in this city. The consensus of opinion is that the displays shown here are by far the most complete and varied ever shown in an Oklahoma fair.

COASTWISE STEAMER BURNS NEAR SHORE

CONGRESS, WITH LARGER PASSENGER LIST ABOARD, IS IN TROUBLE.

Two Other Vessels Are on Way From Ship in Distress Bearing Refugees.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Sept. 14.—The coastwise steamer Congress, and in her hold and enveloped in huge clouds of smoke, anchored near the entrance to Coos bay just before 6 o'clock tonight and disembarked of her 253 passengers was begun. An effort is to be made to transfer them to the bar dredge Col. P. S. Michie.

The vessel was about two miles off Coos bay. Life-savers and boats from the Michie have been working for nearly an hour. Watchers on shore believed all passengers had been transferred. The ocean is smooth.

When the Congress first came within sight of the lighthouse black smoke was pouring out of the vessel, but no flames were visible from shore. The Michie was standing by several hundred yards distant evidently fearing an explosion.

The Tillamook and Michie are reported coming in. This is taken to mean here that all passengers had been taken off. The sky was red from the flaming ship. Six lifeboats were used between the Congress and the Michie. The passengers were being brought here.

The lighthouse keeper reported that when the first lifeboat was lowered the decks and bow of the Congress were crowded with frantic passengers. The smoke was so dense that the ship could not be seen at times.

MUST STAND UNITED TO DEFEAT GERMANS

French Premier Briand Lays Stress on Fact All Allies Are Together.

PARIS, Sept. 14.—(11:10 p. m.)—In addressing the chamber of deputies on the military and diplomatic situation Premier Briand this afternoon laid stress upon the close cooperation among the entente allies against their common foe.

The allies, putting their efforts in common, combining and coordinating them in close collaboration, have determined upon an evolution of the war along these lines. The German empire find themselves reduced to the defensive. The initiative of the operations has escaped them.

After reference to the natural reasons for Rumanian intervention Premier Briand referred to the army at Saloniki as follows:

In close union with our efforts, the armies of Saloniki will fulfill the mission confided to them. Already on that front as on others, the action is developing, according to the plans of the general staff. The action of the allies will be developed in all ways necessary to dislocate the oriental dream of the central empires.

Because of the Bulgarian invasion of Greek territory without resistance from the Greeks and corruption, and espionage organized in Athens by German agents, continued Premier Briand, the entente allies were led to take or required to be taken measures for the security of their troops, giving their assurance that their action was in no wise hostile to the Greeks.

OLD MAN JINX PURSUED SKAGER

He Couldn't Help It If His Machine Ran Away With Policeman on Trail.

A rubber foot mat got caught under the accelerator of his decrepit machine as he was driving to a shop with the prime intention of having his automobile mended. Could he help it if the machine immediately began to pick up speed and even broke the speed limit? This was the proposition L. B. Salger, plasterer, through his attorney, W. G. Gregg, propounded to Judge Cavitt in police court yesterday afternoon. It was just unfortunate that a traffic officer happened to be behind him at the time.

Anyway the judge fined him \$5. "You should have had the car towed to the shop," was the court's parting shot.

JURY CONVICTS 2 OF ROBBING BANK

John Schuneman and J. H. Letterman Get 15 Years in Criminal Court.

VERDICT IN AN HOUR

Men Fought Case Hard, After Making Confession to Officers Here.

JOHN SCHUNEMAN and J. H. Letterman were found guilty of robbing the Bank of Red Fork by a jury in the district court yesterday afternoon and sentenced to serve five years each in the state penitentiary. The jury was out of the courtroom but an hour.

Despite the fact that Schuneman had signed a confession that he robbed the bank with Letterman and that overtures had been made to the court by a person interested in their cases, the jury was out of the courtroom but an hour.

Garbed in cowboy style, the two young men entered the bank and stuck up the president, it is claimed. They then grabbed up all the cash in sight and escaped by driving out of Red Fork with a team they had taken from Tulsa, witnesses testified.

Sheriff Woolley arrested the men. Both men carried six-shooters and hundreds of dollars while the money was found in their possession, it is said.

Talked to Sheriff.

When the men were brought back here the same afternoon they talked freely to Sheriff Woolley and Detective Ed Egan of the robbery, and later Schuneman signed a confession.

The defense in the trial was that Schuneman and Letterman had seen two men hiding money near the place where they were found by the sheriff and were digging it up when arrested.

Attorneys for the defendants pleaded with the jury not to convict them, declaring they were young men and that their lives would be ruined if they were sent to the penitentiary. Counsel declared that they had not been positively identified as the robbers by any of the witnesses.

County Attorney J. P. Evers made an eloquent argument and two hours, he exclaimed at one point during his argument.

The case was given to the jury shortly before 5 o'clock and a verdict had been reached within an hour.

CAR HITS MACHINE ON CROWDED STREET

Henry McGraw Is Injured When His Automobile Is Wrecked Last Night.

Henry McGraw, assistant to the vice-president of the Gulf Pipe Line company, received minor injuries when the automobile which he was driving crashed into a street car at the corner of Sixth and Main last night. Mr. McGraw's injuries consisted of cuts on the scalp and head and it is not thought that they will be serious.

The accident occurred about 8 o'clock. Mr. McGraw was going west on Sixth street when two street cars passed each other on Main street, near the intersection. Mr. McGraw only saw the car nearer him. Slowing to let it pass he went immediately behind it. At that time the other street car dashed from behind the one which had just passed, striking the front of Mr. McGraw's machine.

The automobile was knocked several feet. The entire front end was smashed in. The wind shield was broken, cutting Mr. McGraw's head.

WILL REMOVE AMERICANS

State Department Is Preparing to Bring Women Out of Palestine.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—Instructions to arrange for transportation of 65 American women and children out of Palestine on the cruiser Des Moines were cabled by the state department today to the American embassy at Constantinople. They will embark at Jaffa, where the cruiser is to deliver a supply of medicines, and will be taken to the nearest Italian port and transferred to the United States.

GIRL TELLS STORY OF HOW SHE FELL

ON WAY ALONG A LONELY ROAD SHE MET MAN WHO OFFERED HER HAPPINESS.

Until That Time She Had Never Heard of Theaters, Dances or Playing Cards.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 14.—William A. Hamilton, charged with violation of the Mann white slave act in connection with the two-day disappearance of Luxon Koppenhaver, an 18-year-old Menonite girl, was bound over to the federal grand jury at his preliminary hearing today before a United States commissioner and his bond fixed at \$5,000.

Tonight he was in the county jail in default of bond, but his attorneys declared their intention of securing his release within a short time. The grand jury meets in November.

The girl, who today reached her 18th birthday, attired in the modest costume of her faith was on the stand three hours and gave a complete recital of her experiences from the time she alleges Hamilton picked her up in his automobile until her return home two days later.

Her testimony showed her life had been devoid of worldly pleasures. She testified she never had been to a theater, danced, played cards nor had she ever had a beau. She also testified Hamilton offered her a salary of \$100 a month out of which she could easily save money with which to educate herself.

MARSHALL ACCEPTS THE RENOMINATION

Prominent Democrats Tell Candidate He Is Wilson's Running Mate.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 14.—Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall was notified tonight of his renomination for vice-president on the Democratic ticket and formally accepted the honor. The ceremonies were the third of the kind to be held in Indianapolis within the last few weeks. The other two notifications were for J. Frank Hanly, the Prohibition presidential candidate, and Charles W. Fairbanks, Republican vice-presidential nominee.

Hold a Conference.

A large number of prominent Democrats, including National Chairman Vance McCormick, from all over the United States were present. Informal political conferences were held by the leaders and plans for the campaign were discussed. Reports of who had been done in Indiana were made to National Chairman McCormick.

Martin H. Glynn, former governor of New York, delivered the speech of notification after having been introduced by J. A. M. Adair, candidate for governor of Indiana, chairman of the ceremonies. All speakers praised the present Democratic administration, replied to the Republican attacks on it and expressed confidence of a Democratic victory.

A big parade preceded the ceremonies.

Hearing Date Was Wrong.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Sept. 14.—Francis G. Newlands, United States senator from Nevada, who was here today, said the report sent from Chicago last night that hearings on government ownership of railroads would be held in Chicago was incorrect. The hearing, he said, will be opened in Washington November 20.

LOST

Female Setter dog with black ears, white and black tipped, little tan around the mouth. Answers to the name of "Dana". Liberal reward for return, or any information leading to the recovery of same.

Phone 512

CONSTABULARY MAY BE USED TO GUARD LINE

Mexican Conference Decides That Troops Have Bad Effect on Peons.

PLAN TO REVISE THE CONSTITUTION

Carranza Government Plans to Guarantee a System of Law and Order.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 14.—Maj. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, assistant chief of staff of the United States army, is to appear before the American-Mexican commission tomorrow when discussion of border problems is renewed. He will be the first and possibly the only witness to be interrogated by the commission in joint session as it is said to be the desire of the American commissioners to expedite deliberations by keeping the door closed against an endless succession of persons who wish to be heard. It was thought advisable that General Bliss should explain in person to the Mexican commissioners the military aspects of border plans as seen by United States army officials.

No definite plan for border patrols has been taken up in the minds of the commissioners. The Americans conferred with General Bliss again today.

For Border Constabulary.

It was indicated that the proposal which has appeared most strongly to them was that a border constabulary be created to operate as a police force along both sides of the line. It was suggested that the force be composed of former soldiers of both countries under joint control and that the expense be shared by both governments.

Details of the plan have not been worked out. In its favor, it was argued that the Mexican people would not feel toward the constabulary the same hostility that they displayed toward the American troops which have crossed the line.

To Use Police.

It also was suggested that the police force would be far more effective in clearing the mountains of northern Mexico of bandits than either Mexican or American troops. The joint commission probably will adjourn tomorrow over the week-end to permit the Mexican members to celebrate the Mexican Independence day, September 16.

In a statement issued tonight the following summary of today's proceedings was given:

The session was devoted to an interchange of views on the enforcement of law in Mexico and on the guarantees to personal property rights. The Mexican commissioners presented a clear picture of the purposes of the Carranza government with reference to the reform of the civil and criminal codes and the codes of procedure. They explained the fact that under the Diaz regime the judicial procedure was so cumbersome and expensive and the judiciary so corrupt that it was impossible for a poor man to obtain justice.

"The purpose of the Carranza government is to so simplify procedure that the courts of justice will be open to all and that the personnel of the judiciary will be so carefully selected that corruption and bribery will be completely eliminated. As soon as the plan for the revision of the constitution has been carried out through a constitutional convention, a thoroughgoing reform of the national codes will be undertaken in order to make these codes conform to the new standards of justice and equity to be incorporated in the constitution.

"The Mexican commissioners emphasized the fact that the Carranza government has no intention of weakening the guarantees to civil rights although the present abnormal conditions of the country have made it necessary to suspend the constitutional guarantee in various sections of the republic. In short, the purpose which the Carranza government has in mind is to make only the system of law, but the administration of justice conform to modern standards and to incorporate the principle of equality of opportunity in every department of national life."

SUPERDREADNAUGHT SMASHES A RECORD

Gunners Unable to See Target, Send Five Shells into the Bulge.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—A new world's record in naval gunnery was made by the new superdreadnaught Pennsylvania, the navy department announced tonight. Credit is given to the big battleship's 12 14-inch rifles, mounted as a main battery in four turrets, which on a simultaneous discharge in a recent trial registered five hits on a small target 11 miles away. At that distance a target is not visible to the gunners.

The Pennsylvania is the first vessel to have its entire main battery mounted three guns to a turret and her performance is declared by ordinance and construction officers to be the final answer to critics opposing the three-gun turret system.

The Nevada and Oklahoma, also new additions to the navy, are equipped with two three-gun and two two-gun turrets. Neither of these has been able to compete with the Pennsylvania, although both made unusually good scores during their preliminary practice.

MINISTERS CAN'T VISIT JAIL BIRDS

JUDGE CRUMP LAYS DOWN ARBITRARY LAW AFTER PREACHER MEDDLES WITH COURT.

"Lord Will Take Care of His Own" Jurist Declares As He Issues His Order.

"The Lord will take care of His own," Judge George C. Crump of Holdenville, sitting on the bench of the district court of Tulsa county, yesterday professed one of the most unusual orders ever made with this statement. The court made an order forbidding preachers, ministers and priests from visiting prisoners confined in the county jail.

The court made the order just before the taking of evidence began in the case of H. E. Neff, in which it was charged that the minister had asked the court to allow the young men to plead guilty to the felonious charge against them and take five years each in the state penitentiary.

Sitting in his office last night Judge Crump told a reporter for The World that Reverend Neff had approached him and told him that Schuneman and Letterman had professed religion since they held up the bank and asked him if he would accept pleas of guilty in each case and sentence both to five years.

"I told the minister that I could make no proposition with anyone concerning the way I would handle criminals when they came into my court," said the judge.

"Ministers meddle when they do such things as that and I don't want anyone to meddle in a case in which I am interested. They are men of God and they should not interfere in the administration of justice."

"A minister is very much out of his place when he does such things," Reverend Neff said in the different instances when they came into my court, he said the judge.

"I am not allowed to visit prisoners and the court order made yesterday went into effect at once."

TULSANS LAUNCH THRIFT CAMPAIGN

Leading Men of City Band Together to Promote Economy in City.

ARE NOW ORGANIZED

Secretary Douglas of C. of C. Opening Meeting With an Address.

ONE of the most interesting meetings ever held in the city was that last night in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, attended by representative ministers, manufacturers, merchants, educators, attorneys and bankers at which a six month's thrift campaign for Tulsa was formally launched.

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Douglas, who gave a brief announcement of its purpose and City Attorney J. B. Meserve was chosen as presiding officer for the evening.

Mr. Meserve gave a short address on the subject of thrift, and in turn introduced the speakers of the evening, Hon. Joe McNeal, Professor Horner of the city schools, Reverend Barton of the M. E. church, south, and Professor Oberholzer, superintendent of the public schools.

Addresses Good.

Each of these gentlemen delivered a thoughtful address on the subject of thrift, going into the importance of the pending campaign, and pledging their support to the movement.

Messrs. Bower of the Oklahoma Iron Works for the manufacturers, and Bunnagarn, president of the Retailers association, were enthusiastic in their approval and announced their approval and support through the campaign for their respective lines of business.

Following the addresses a permanent organization was perfected and a committee was appointed to carry on the campaign, which is financed by the Clearing House association of Tulsa and planned by the American Bankers association.

Executive committee: E. E. Oberholzer, George D. Carney, Rev. L. S. Barton, C. T. Bunnagarn, J. W. McNeal, Mr. Fenstermacher, Y. M. C. A. Committee on mercantile establishments: L. G. Rosser, W. A. Vandever, Dan Hunt, Lee Kunsman, H. O. McClure, C. T. Bunnagarn, L. R. Darrow.

Committee on educational institutions: Professor Oberholzer, Doctor Evans of Kendall, Professor Horner, Professor Smith, Professor Brown of business college, County Superintendent Maxwell.

Committee on banks: W. E. Gordon, Newt Graham, T. J. Hartman, Mr. Dick, Mr. Benedict.

Committee on manufacturing plants: Mr. Bower, Mr. Gray, Mr. Moffitt, Mr. Carney, Dana H. Kelsey.

Committee on speakers: C. B. Rogers, Preston C. West, Frank H. Greer, Hon. J. H. Simmons.

Committee on Sunday schools and churches: Rev. L. S. Barton, Rev. Frank Neff, Reverend Kerr, Father O'Malley, Rev. E. E. Floyd.

Committee on rural savings: County Superintendent Maxwell, County Doctor.

Constrator, Burnheart, Professor Oberholzer, Professor Horner.

PREFERS JAIL WITH HIS PRIDE SECURE

William Platt Wouldn't Plead Guilty to Begging and Take a Reprimand.

Pride of the sterner sort moved William Platt to prefer a prison cell last night rather than plead guilty to begging and draw from Police Judge Cavitt a slight reprimand, perhaps. Police officers testified that he was out on the streets at odd hours accosting pedestrians and Platt was equally as certain that such could not have possibly been the case.

"Why Judge," he announced, "I work daily and certainly don't need to do that. I am willing to stay in jail tonight if you will give me a chance to notify some of my friends to appear as witnesses here tomorrow afternoon."

Judge Cavitt agreed and Platt was led back to a cell.

YOUTH SERVED ON THIRD DAY OF TULSA FAIR

Several Hundred Youngsters Among Crowd of 12,000 Attending.

CURTAIN WILL BE RUNG DOWN TODAY

Has Been by Far Most Spectacular Exhibition Held in State.

YOUTH was served in copious quantities yesterday at the Tulsa county fair. It was children's day and the cup of each youngster from four to thirty fairly ran over in the land of wonder and enchantment enclosed in the circle of exhibit buildings bedecked with gay bunting and national flags. Several hundred youngsters regaled in the amusements and displays during the day and bringing to a happy climax the greatest exhibition of its character ever seen in this state. The third day of the fair set a mark of 12,000 for attendance, at least 2,000 above the highest record which was made on the day previous.

From every standpoint the occasion was ideal. Unlike the two previous days there was a sharp tang in the air, advance notice of approaching autumn, which set the blood a tingling and gave impetus to the festivities. Hordes which moved in and out and around about the grounds from 10 o'clock in the morning until 10 o'clock at night.

All for Children.

For the children of the county—future farmers, housekeepers, cattlemen and good citizens—officials had expended their every effort to furnish a red letter day in their lives. Besides the usual line of red lemonade, popcorn, ice cream cones, colored balloons, whips, noise-making utensils and odd embellishments, there was the honest-to-goodness vaudeville, aerial stunts which made one's heart do a half flip once or twice, that pretty little pony which did tricks and a band which played music which reminded one of pictures of George Washington and Abe Lincoln. To be sure the wind was too high for the balloon ascension; nobody missed it in the maelstrom of other good things.

As guests of honor they not only attended throughout the day the lighter attractions but gleaned some real instruction from the varied and educational showings in the different buildings. Interesting lectures, educational displays and attractive booths proved equally as entertaining.

But the children were not the only ones who had a bully time. Of course, the parents had to come along to bring the children and the teachers had to come along to watch over their charges. Papias could be found out in the open field to the right of the amphitheater examining the huge tractors, while others examined the exhibits of live stock, including cattle, horses, swine, sheep and goats. Much attention was given the agricultural exhibits during the day, which were all in their places and all remarkably fresh looking considering the temperature during the days of the fair.

Mothers in Abundance.

Mothers, of course, were interested in these things in an incidental sort of way, but they followed their natural bent and covered all the interesting exhibitions, displays of domestic science, art work, drawings, the baby show and the merchants' booths. The Fairground palace was their mecca during the day. Great crowds were attracted to the Jenkins Music company booth, where vocalists entertained during the day; to the Hoefta insectary's exhibit, where hundreds of flies were patiently removed from the land of the living by small quantities of the power and to the Christian Science rest room, where attendants were ready at a moment's notice to administer to one's needs.

The babies down at the northwest corner of the show were in the spotlight practically all day. More than one hundred protesting infants were sent through the examining clinic.

The automobile hall was crowded at all times. With general prosperity on all sides, all those who attended the fair could at least look at the luxurious machines, while a great many salesmen were showing the various new 1917 models, which, it is claimed, are by far the most ultra ever introduced.